PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Goudsmit et al. Serial No.: 09/463,352 Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson

Group Art Unit: 1634

Filed: January 1, 2000

For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT CAN BE USED AS PRIMERS AND PROBES

IN THE AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF ALL SUBTYPES OF HIV-1

Date: September 17, 2003

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of (3) month(s) to respond to
the fin	al Office Action dated December 18, 2002, for which an Advisory Action was issued on
June 2	7, 2003 and a Notice of Appeal was filed on April 10, 2003.

Fee Enclosed

\$1450.00

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2.	A response in con	nection with the matter for which	this extension is requested:	
	\boxtimes	is filed herewith.		
		has been filed.		
3.	Applicant:			
	Claims	small entity status. See 37 CFR	1.27.	
	Does n	ot claim small entity status.		
4.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):			
	Total Months	Fee For Other	Fee for	
	Requested	Than Small Entity	Small Entity	
	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00	
	two months	\$410.00	\$205.00	
	three months	\$930.00	\$465.00	
$\overline{\boxtimes}$	four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00	
	five months	\$1,970.00	\$985.00	
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for a r	Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the extension fee plus a fee of \$750.00 equest for continued examination.
	Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
\boxtimes	Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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